

Changes in bus service for north King County begin Saturday, September 27

King County Metro Transit is adding and revising service to make it easier to get around in **Shoreline, Lake Forest Park, Kenmore, and north Seattle.**

Metro Transit developed these service changes over several months with advice from a sounding board of local riders. We gathered public input through two area-wide mailings and at several public meetings, and held discussions with local governments in the affected areas.

Watch for *Special Rider Alert* brochure and timetables

Watch for a Rider Alert sign at your bus stop by late August, and look for the special Rider Alert brochure and new orange timetables on your bus and at Metro information racks, work sites, and libraries on September 18. The Rider Alert brochure will also be available on Metro Online (transit.metrokc.gov).

Timetables for new bus routes will be available on paper, by phone, or on Metro Online on September 18.

Timetables for revised routes will be available on Metro Online on September 26, the day before the changes take effect.

For trip planning help, call Metro Rider Information at 206-553-3000 (TTY users call 206-684-1739) or visit Metro's online trip planner (tripplanner.metrokc.gov).

How will you benefit from these changes?

The service changes were designed to meet the following objectives:

- **Provide** better east-west transit connections;
- **Provide** more frequent transit service through more parts of the day;
- **Add** trips to peak-period routes that have many riders;
- **Serve** more riders with existing resources.

These changes are consistent with the objectives and strategies of the Six-Year Transit Development Plan for 2002-2007, adopted by the County Council in September 2002.

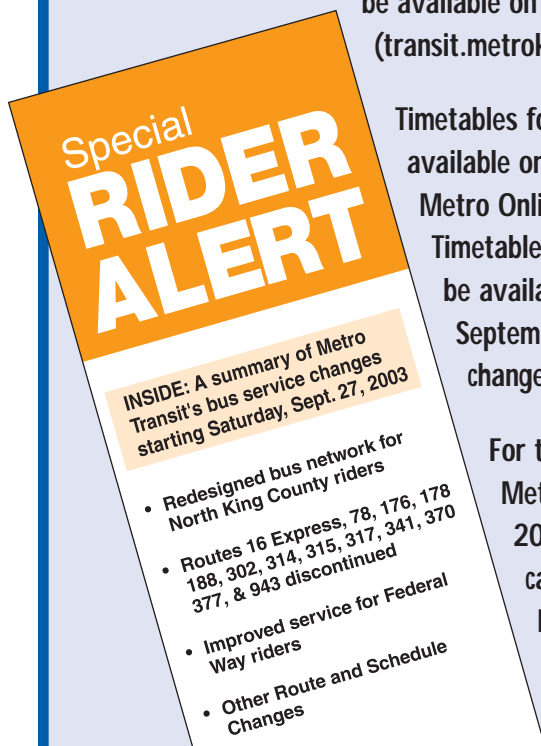


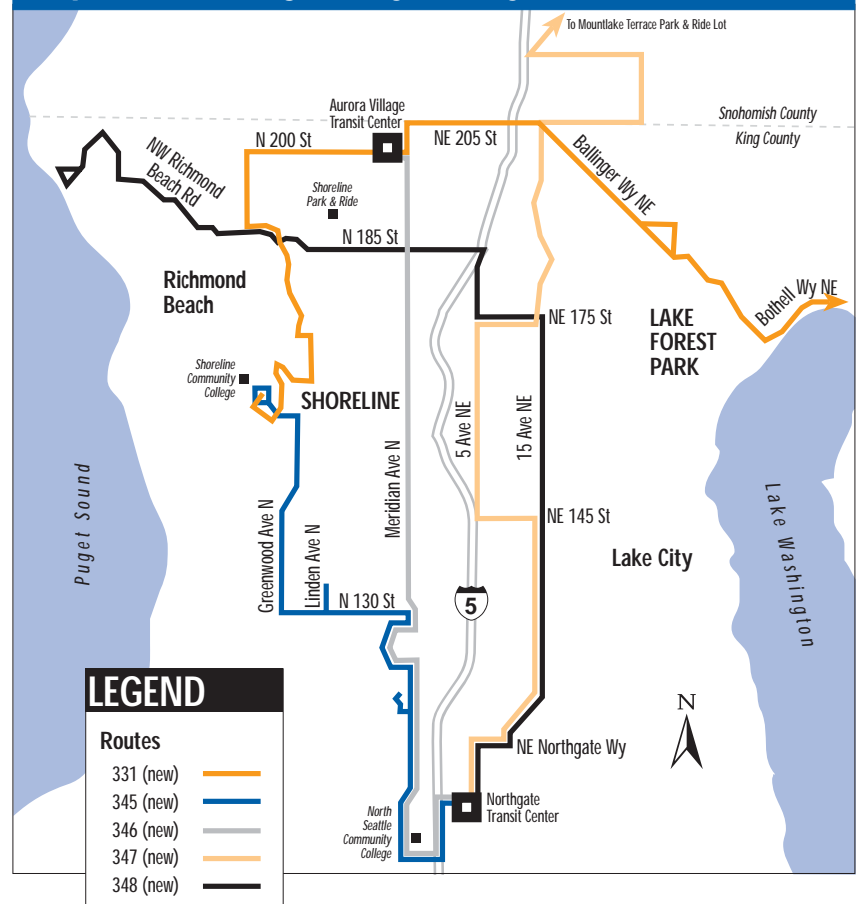
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Other changes in King County

In addition to the changes described in this publication, September service changes are also planned for Federal Way and south King County.

Map 1: North King County All-day Metro Transit Routes

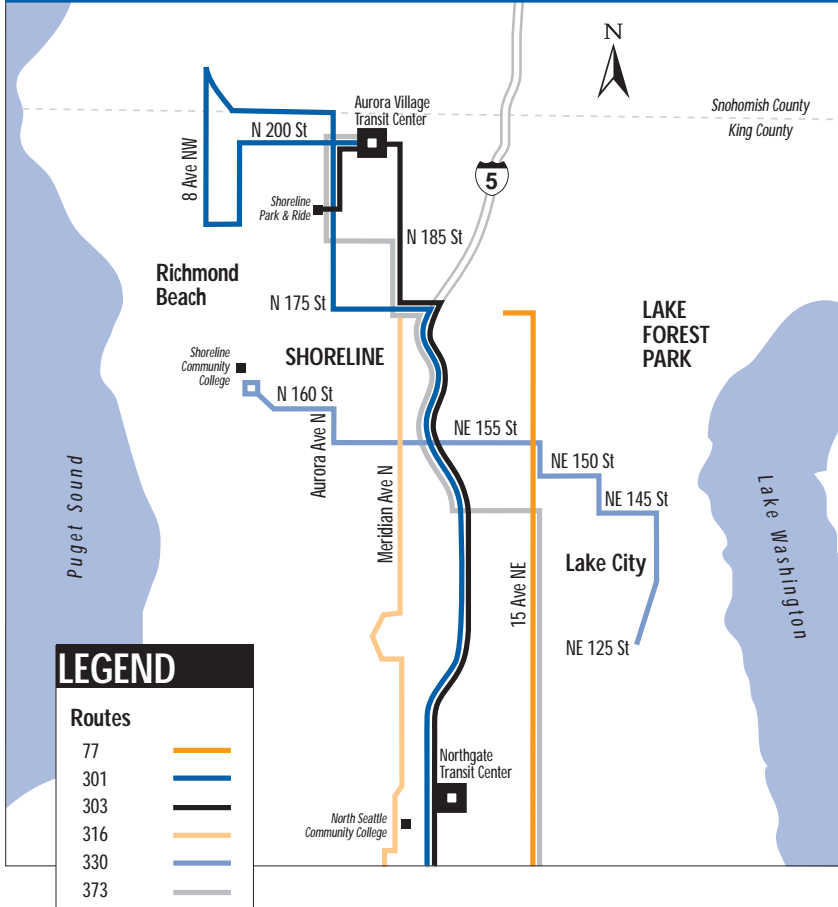


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2003 Changes in Shoreline, Lake Forest Park, Kenmore, and north Seattle

On September 27, Metro Transit buses in North King County will operate a new network of transit routes designed to provide better east-west connections and more trips on busy routes. New routes will serve almost all the streets and stops served by current routes, but in different combinations and with more trips available during at least some time periods. Most riders will benefit from the new network, but some will have longer trips or different connections. Many bus routes will have new route numbers.

Map 2: North King County Peak-Only Metro Transit Routes



Four new two-way, all-day routes (345, 346, 347, and 348) will take riders to and from the Northgate Transit Center for timed connections to downtown Seattle, the University District, and other neighborhoods. These new routes replace most of current routes 302, 315, 317, and 377, which will be discontinued.

New routes that interlink at Shoreline Community College (331 and 345) will provide a direct connection between Northgate and Kenmore. Similarly, routes that interlink at Northgate Transit Center (345, 346, 347, and 348) will provide a connection between North Seattle Community College and Jackson Park/North City.

Peak-period-only routes with fewer riders will be consolidated, and trips will be added to the heavily-used Route 301. Routes that serve the same stops will be adjusted to provide shorter and more even waits at those stops.

For detailed descriptions of each new and revised route, please read the information on the following pages.

Routes that will change

Route 5: Routing change

What's new

- Route 5 will move one block east to run on Dayton Avenue N, instead of Greenwood Avenue N, between N 145th Street and N 160th Street.

Why

- Few riders board along Greenwood Avenue N north of N 145th Street.
- Dayton Avenue N has more housing and a better pedestrian environment, with wider shoulders.
- Together with Route 345 (page 8), Route 5 will provide more frequent trips on Dayton Avenue N.
- Improve service to the Washington State Department of Transportation regional office on Dayton Avenue N.

Route 16 Express: Discontinued

Alternative

- Take new Route 316 (page 7).

Route 64: Revised to serve First Hill (Map 3)

What's new

- When it reaches downtown, southbound Route 64 will use 5th Avenue instead of 3rd Avenue, turning east at Spring Street to serve First Hill.
- Northbound Route 64 will enter downtown on Seneca Street and use 4th Avenue instead of 3rd Avenue to Olive Way.
- Route 64 will have two more peak-period trips than current Route 943 between Greenlake and First Hill.
- Route 64 will have one more peak-period trip than current Route 64.

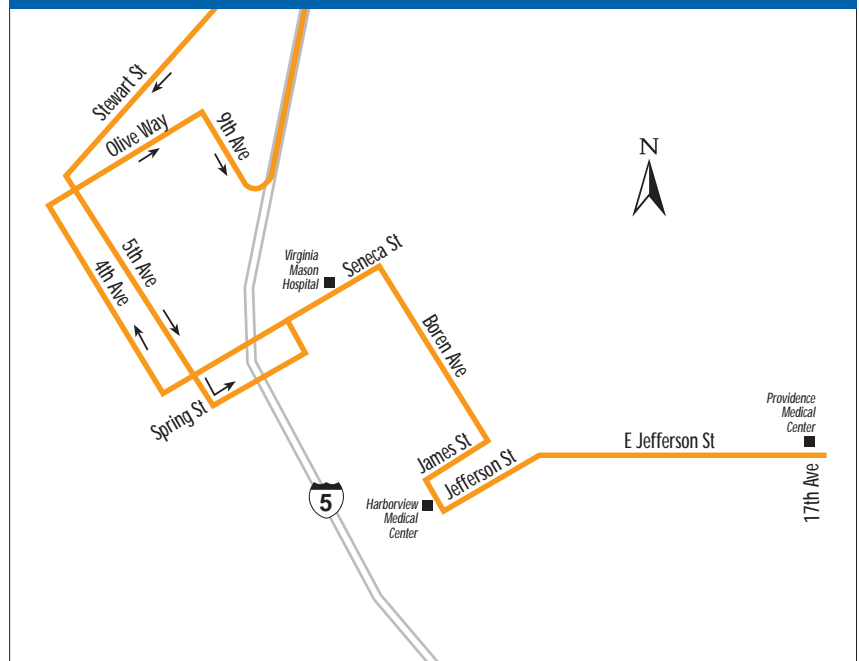
Why

- Replace the connection currently provided by Route 943 between the I-5 and NE 65th Street Park & Pool (also known as the Greenlake Park & Ride) and First Hill.
- Provide more trips.
- Provide new service from northeast Seattle to First Hill.

Service level

- Route 64 will have seven trips during each peak period.

Map 3: Route 64 (First Hill Routing)



Route 77:

Extend north to NE 175th Street (Map 4)

What's new

- Route 77 will extend north to NE 175th Street.
- Route 77 will no longer serve 20th Avenue NE in Jackson Park.
- Route 77 will provide four more morning trips and two more afternoon trips than current Route 377.
- Route 77 will have one more morning trip and two more afternoon trips than current Route 77.

Why

- Replace current Route 377's direct connection between the 15th Avenue NE corridor and downtown Seattle during peak periods.
- Provide more trips.

Service level

- Route 77 will have 10 trips during the morning peak period and nine trips during the afternoon peak period.

Alternatives for 20th Avenue NE

- Board Route 77 on 15th Avenue NE.
- Route 73 will continue to serve 20th Avenue NE.

Route 78:

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Alternative

- Take new Route 373 (page 11).

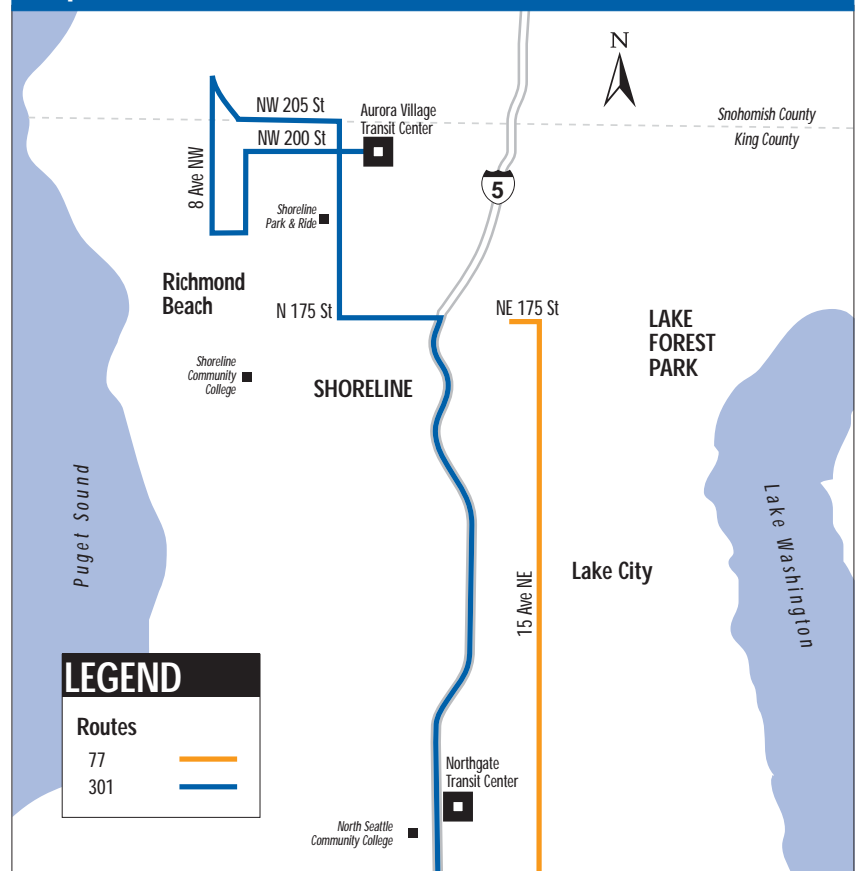
Route 301:

Extend north, provide more trips (Map 4)

What's new

- In the peak direction, one morning trip and three afternoon trips will be added.

Map 4: Routes 77 and 301



- In the “reverse” peak direction (northbound in the morning and southbound in the afternoon), four morning trips and four afternoon trips will be added.
- On the Richmond Beach loop, three morning trips and four afternoon trips will be deleted, leaving four trips each in the morning and afternoon.

Why

- Provide more trips to reduce wait times and serve more riders.
- Provide connections with local routes at Aurora Village.
- Use out-of-service buses traveling in the “reverse” peak direction to provide new trips.

Service level

- Peak periods: 15 trips in the peak direction.
- “Reverse” peak trips: five trips northbound in the morning and four trips southbound in the afternoon.
- Richmond Beach loop (3rd Avenue NW and 8th Avenue NW): four trips during each peak period.

Route 302: Discontinued

Alternatives

- Between Shoreline Community College (SCC) and Aurora Village Transit Center, take Route 331 (page 8).
- Between Northgate Transit Center and SCC, take Route 345 (page 8).

Route 303: Faster service to First Hill (Maps 5 and 6)

What's new

- New Route 303 will have two more trips during each peak period than current Route 943.

Why

- Provide faster peak-period service between Shoreline and First Hill.
- Connect Northgate Transit Center and First Hill.
- Provide more trips to serve more riders.

Service level

- Route 303 will provide seven one-way trips during each peak period.

Route 308: Reduce and reschedule trips

What's new

- Two afternoon peak-period trips will be deleted.

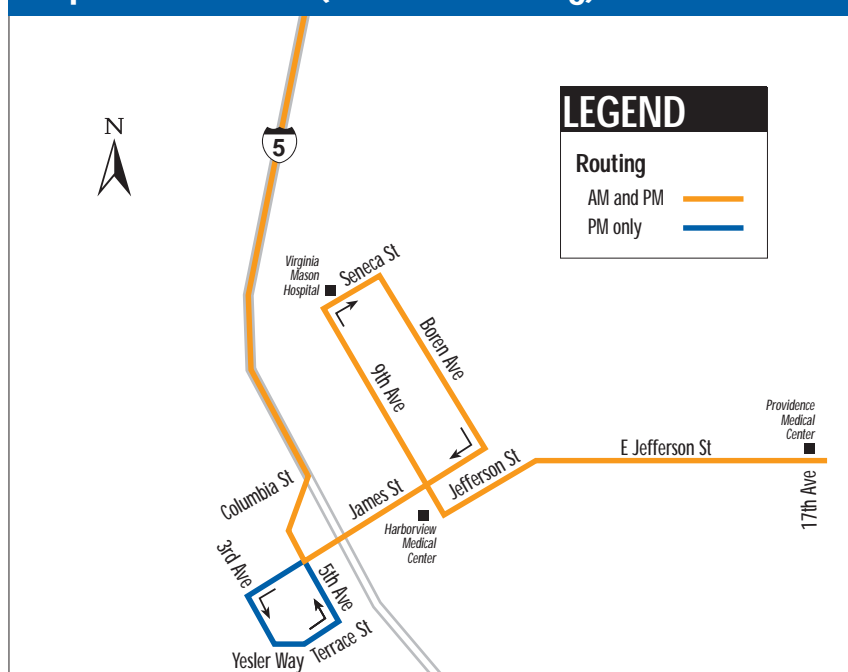
Why

- Route 308 afternoon trips have relatively few riders.
- Make resources available to improve the rest of the network in North King County.

Service level

- Four one-way trips during each peak period.

Map 5: Route 303 (First Hill Routing)



Route 314: Discontinued

Alternatives

- Between Lake Forest Park and Shoreline Community College (SCC), take new Route 331 (page 8).
- Between Jackson Park and SCC, take new Route 330 (page 7).
- In Ridgecrest, take new Route 347 (page 9).
- There is no replacement service for the segment on 25th Avenue NE north of NE 150th Street.

Route 315: Discontinued

Alternatives

- Between NE 145th Street and NE 175th Street on 5th Avenue NE, take new Route 347 (page 9).
- Along N 185th Street west of I-5, take new Route 348 (page 10).

Route 316:

Replace current routes 16 Express and 317 (Map 6)

What's new

- New Route 316 will provide one less morning trip and one more afternoon trip than current Route 16 Express.
- Route 316 will provide two more trips during each peak period than current Route 317.
- Route 316 will not serve the Northgate Transit Center (NTC).

Why

- Replace current Route 317's direct connection between the Meridian Avenue N corridor and downtown Seattle.

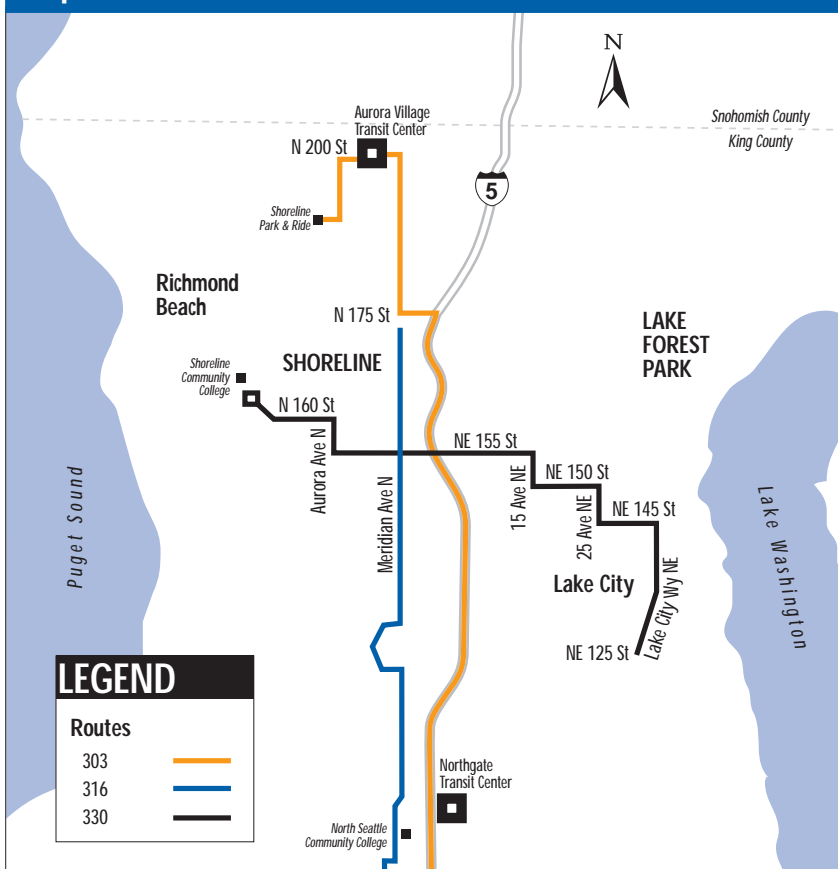
Service level

- Seven one-way trips during each peak period.

Alternatives to or from Northgate Transit Center

- Between Ravenna Boulevard NE and NTC, take Route 16 Local.
- Between N 92nd Street and N Northgate Way, take Route 5, 75, 345 (page 8), or 346 (page 9) traveling on College Way N and Meridian Avenue N.

Map 6: Routes 303, 316, 330



Route 317:

Discontinued

Alternatives

- Between the Aurora Village Transit Center (AVTC) and downtown Edmonds, take Community Transit Route 630.
- Between N Northgate Way and AVTC, take Route 346 (page 9).
- Between the Meridian Avenue N corridor and downtown Seattle, take Route 316 (page 7).
- Between the Northgate Transit Center and downtown Seattle, take Route 41, which uses the bus tunnel, or new Route 303 (see page 6; see Map 5 for downtown Seattle/First Hill routing).

Route 330:

New service between Lake City and Shoreline Community College (SCC) (Map 6)

What's new

- New Route 330 will have more frequent trips than current Route 314.
- New Route 330 will be more direct than current Route 314.

Why

- Provide a direct connection between the Lake City/SR-522 corridor and SCC via Fircrest and Jackson Park, serving 25th Avenue NE and NE 150th Street near Shorecrest High School.

Service level

- Peak periods: every 30 minutes in both directions.

Alternative for Lake Forest Park

- Route 331 (page 8) will provide a connection between Lake Forest Park and SCC.

Route 331:

Improved east-west service (Map 7)

What's new

- New Route 331 will connect Shoreline Community College (SCC) and Kenmore via Shoreline, the Aurora Village Transit Center (AVTC), Ballinger Terrace, Lake Forest Park, and SR-522.
- Between SCC and AVTC, Route 331 will replace current Route 302.
- Between AVTC and Kenmore, Route 331 will replace current Route 341.
- The same buses will run routes 331 and 345, changing at SCC: southbound Route 331 will become southbound Route 345, and northbound Route 345 will become northbound Route 331.

Why

- Improve east-west service between SCC and Kenmore.
- Provide more trips during midday and Saturday.
- Extend service hours.
- Improve connection between Lake Forest Park and SCC.

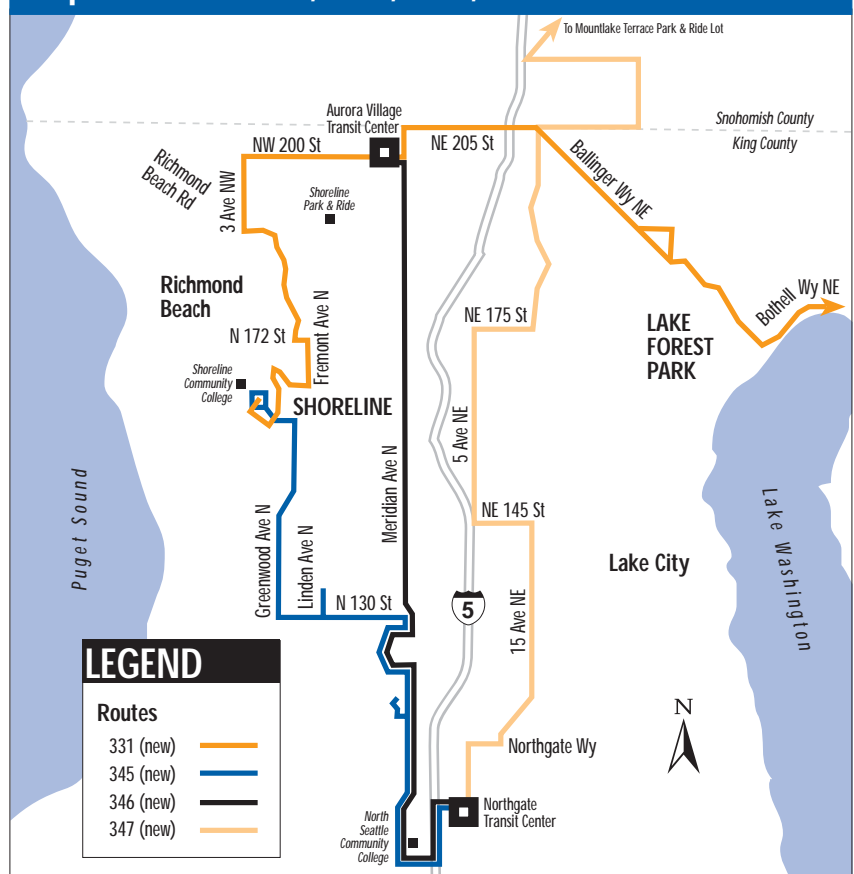
Service level

- Mon.-Sat., from about 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.: every 30 minutes in both directions (weekend service between Kenmore and AVTC will begin around 8 a.m.).
- Evenings (until about 11 p.m.), Sundays, and holidays: every 60 minutes in both directions.

Alternatives

- Between Kenmore and Bothell, take Route 372 or Route 522 and transfer to new Route 331.
- Route 342 will continue to provide service between Aurora Village and Bothell, eastbound in the morning and westbound in the afternoon.

Map 7: Routes 331, 345, 346, 347



Route 341:

Discontinued

Alternatives

- Between the Aurora Village Transit Center and Kenmore, take new Route 331 (this page).
- Between Kenmore and Bothell, take Route 312, 342, or 372, or Sound Transit Express Route 522.

Route 345:

Replaces Route 302 (Map 7)

What's new

- Between Northgate Transit Center (NTC) and Shoreline Community College (SCC), new Route 345 will replace Route 302.
- The same buses will run routes 331 and 345, changing at SCC: southbound Route 331 will become southbound Route 345, and northbound Route 345 will become northbound Route 331.
- The same buses will usually run routes 345 and 347, changing at NTC with a pause of about five minutes: southbound Route

345 will become northbound Route 347, and southbound Route 347 will become northbound Route 345.

Why

- Following the same route as current Route 302, Route 345 has a new number because it is part of a new local network.

Service level

- Mon.-Sat., about 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.: every 30 minutes in both directions.
- Evenings (until about 11 p.m.), Sundays, and holidays: every 60 minutes in both directions.
- Between NTC and N 115th Street, routes 345 and 346 will be scheduled to alternate every 15 minutes Mon.-Sat. from about 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. and every 30 minutes on evenings and Sundays.

Route 346:

Improve connections and avoid congestion (Map 7)

What's new

- Between N Northgate Way and Aurora Village Transit Center, new Route 346 will replace current route 317.
- Most of the time, the same buses will run routes 346 and 348, changing at Northgate Transit Center (NTC) with a pause of about five minutes: southbound Route 346 will become northbound Route 348, and southbound Route 348 will become northbound Route 346.

Why

- Provide more “reverse” trips during peak periods (northbound in the morning and southbound in the afternoon).

- Improve connections to North Seattle Community College from NTC and Shoreline.
- Avoid traffic congestion on N Northgate Way.

Service level

- Mon.-Sat., from about 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.: every 30 minutes in both directions.
- Evenings (until about 11 p.m.), Sundays, and holidays: every 60 minutes in both directions.
- Between NTC and N 115th Street, routes 345 and 346 will be scheduled to alternate every 15 minutes Mon.-Sat. from about 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. and every 30 minutes on evenings and Sundays.

Route 347:

Provide more trips and extend service (Map 7)

What's new

- Between the Northgate Transit Center (NTC) and Jackson Park, new routes 347 and 348 will replace current Route 377.
- Between NE 145th Street and NE 175th Street on 5th Avenue NE, new Route 347 will replace current Route 315.
- Between North City and Mountlake Terrace, new Route 347 will replace current Route 377.

Why

- Provide more trips between Jackson Park and Northgate.
- Extend evening service to Ridgecrest.
- Improve connections between Ridgecrest and shopping areas.
- Provide more “reverse” trips during peak periods (northbound in the morning and southbound in the afternoon).

Service level

- Mon.-Sat., from about 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.: every 30 minutes in both directions.
- Evenings (until around 11 p.m.), Sundays, and holidays: every 60 minutes in both directions.
- Between the NTC and NE 145th Street, routes 347 and 348 will be scheduled to alternate every 15 minutes Mon.-Sat. from about 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. and every 30 minutes on evenings and Sundays.

Route 348: Improved east-west service (Map 8)

What's new?

- Between the Northgate Transit Center (NTC) and Jackson Park, new routes 347 and 348 will replace current Route 377.
- New Route 348 will connect Richmond Beach and North City via N Richmond Beach Road and N 185th Street, 5th Avenue NE, and NE 175th Street.
- Between Richmond Beach and the Shoreline Library, Route 348 will replace current Route 315.
- Between North City and Jackson Park on 15th Avenue NE, Route 348 will replace current Route 377.

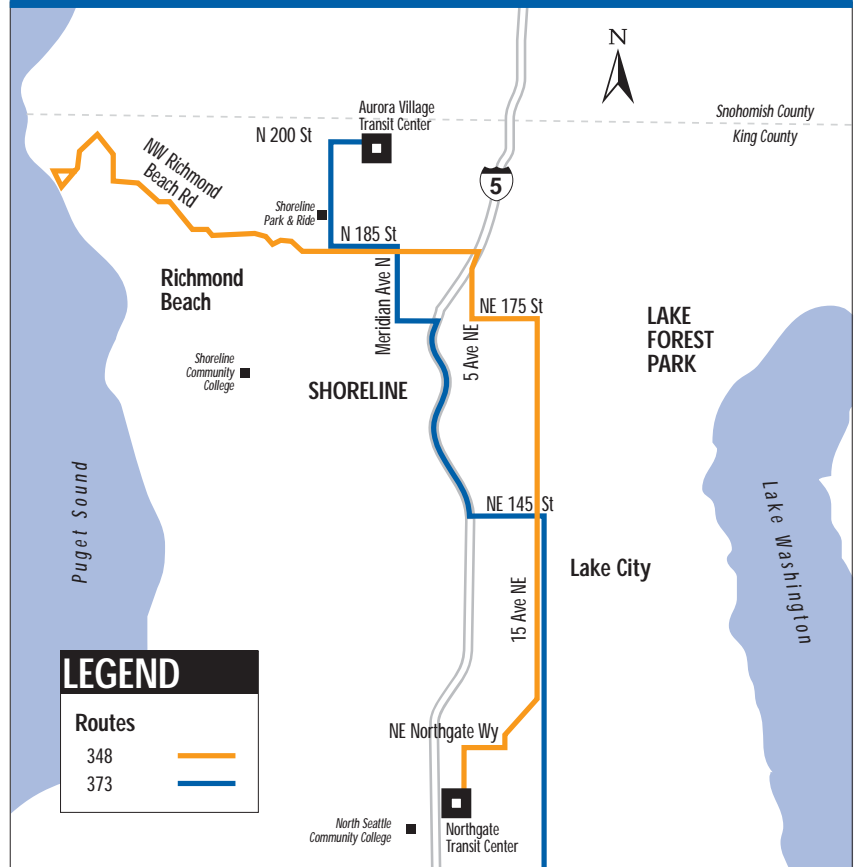
Why

- Improve east-west service in Shoreline.
- Provide more trips between Jackson Park and Northgate.
- Extend the hours of service in Richmond Beach.
- Provide more Saturday trips in Richmond Beach.
- Between North City and Jackson Park, provide more "reverse" trips during peak periods (northbound in the morning and southbound in the afternoon).

Service level

- Mon.-Sat., from about 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.: every 30 minutes in both directions.
- Evenings (until about 11 p.m.), Sundays, and holidays: every 60 minutes.

Map 8: Routes 348, 373



Route 358: Provide more trips

What's new

- Route 358 will run more often.
- Evening northbound departures from downtown Seattle will be shifted a few minutes to provide more evenly scheduled service along Aurora Avenue N.

Why

- Reduce wait times and improve convenience.

Service level

- Mon.-Sat., from about 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.: every 15 minutes.
- Sun., from about 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.: every 20 minutes.

Route 373:

Combines routes 78 and 370 (Maps 8 and 9)

What's new

- New Route 373 will use the routing of current Route 370 between the Aurora Village Transit Center (AVTC) and NE 145th Street, and the routing of current Route 78 between NE 145th Street and the University of Washington.
- Route 373 will serve limited stops.
- New Route 373 will provide three more trips during each peak period.
- Shoreline riders of current Route 373 will have a slightly slower trip.
- Route 373 will not stop along NE 145th Street east of 15th Avenue NE.

Why

- Improve service levels by combining two routes into one.
- Shorten travel time.
- Avoid the congestion on the I-5 general-purpose lanes and NE 45th Street that slows current Route 370.

Service level

- Morning trips: seven.
- Afternoon trips: eight.

Route 377:

Discontinued

Alternatives

- Connect to Community Transit (CT) routes 118 and 630 serving the Lynnwood Park & Ride at the Aurora Village Transit Center via Metro Transit Routes 301 (page 5), 331 (page 8), 346 (page 9), or 358 (page 10).
- Connect to CT routes 112 and 630 serving Lynnwood in Mountlake Terrace via new Metro Transit Route 347 (page 9).
- Between the Northgate Transit Center (NTC) and downtown Seattle, take Route 41 (uses the bus tunnel), or new Route 303 (page 6; see Map 5 on page 6 for downtown Seattle/First Hill routing).
- Between North City and Mountlake Terrace, take new Route 347 (page 9).
- Between North City and Jackson Park on 15th Avenue NE, take new Route 348 (page 10).

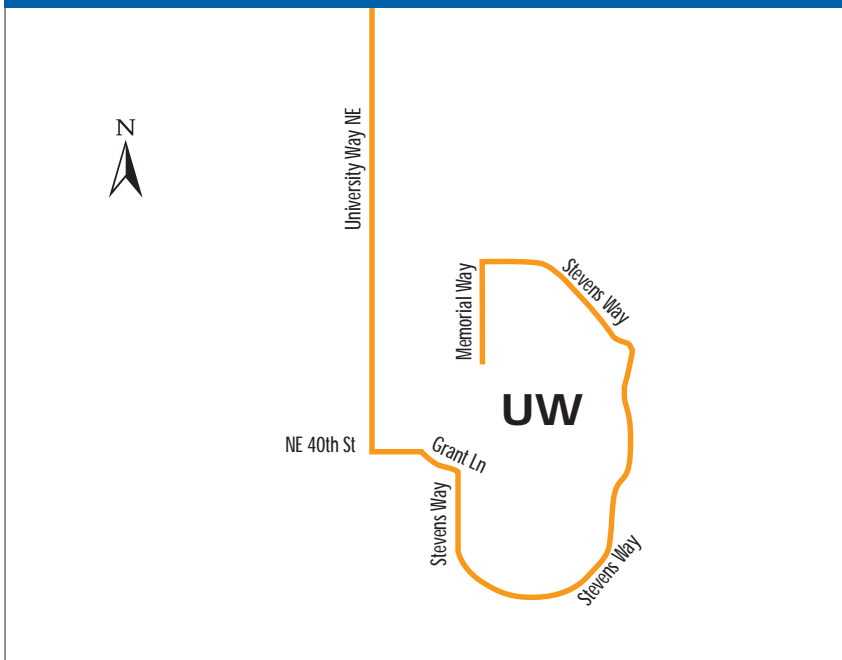
Route 943:

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Alternatives

- Between Shoreline and First Hill, take Route 303 (page 6).
- Between the Greenlake Park & Ride and First Hill, take Route 64 (page 4).

Map 9: Route 373 (University District Routing)



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